

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-15 are in the application. Claims 1-14 have been withdrawn. Claim 15 is being examined.

The Examiner rejected claim 15 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Mitchell in view of DE 1647760 to Meyer and further in view of Crum. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Meyer is not relevant to the present invention, as device as disclosed in Meyer does not work. As can be seen from Figures 1 and 2, the concrete pipe would fall down off the mold when lowering vibrator 3. The same is true for the second concrete mixture (see fig, 3) which would leak off the concrete pipe. Meyer does not teach a person skilled in the art how a second concrete mixture could be applied on the inner side of a concrete pipe. Thus, Meyer cannot be used to supply the features not described in Mitchell.

The sentence bridging pages 6 and 7 of Meyer states that after the vibrating chore (3) has been removed from the concrete pipe, the concrete pipe is removed by a lifting system and transported for hardening to a stockyard. What is shown in figures 2 to 5 of Meyer is a modified plant for the treatment of hardened concrete pipes. Thus, the feature of the two layers of the concrete pipe being formed within one and the same machine in successive steps without removing the pipe from the machine is not disclosed in Meyer.

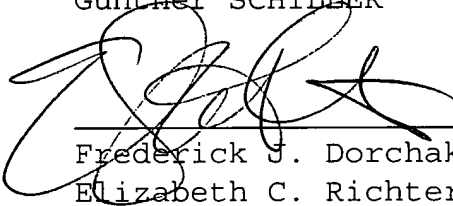
Therefore, even a combination of Mitchell and Meyer does not teach or suggest the feature that a second concrete mixture is filled into the mold mantle before the concrete pipe is removed from the mold. Moreover, Meyer teaches producing a single layer concrete pipe according to figure 1, removing this concrete pipe and transporting it to a stockyard for hardening and removing it back to a further or modified plant in case a second inner layer has to be added to the concrete pipe. This is clearly different from what is claimed in claim 15 of the present application. Combining Crum with these references also would not lead to the claimed invention, because none of the references teaches or

suggests the feature that a second concrete mixture is filled into the mold mantel before the concrete pipe is removed from the mold, as claimed in claim 15.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 15 is patentable over the cited references, taken either singly or in combination. Early allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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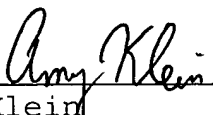


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